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BROADCASTING NETWORKS IN MAHARASHTRA
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 for development and expansion of broadcasting networks in Maharashtra; (

(b) the achievements made in this regard, year-wise with amount spent during each year; and

(c) the target fixed during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 for development and expansion of broadcasting networks in Maharashtra including allocation of amount for each year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a), (b) & (c): No state-wise targets are fixed for development and expansion of Broadcasting network. The expansion/development plans are formulated keeping in view existing facilities in any area and depending upon availability of resources and inter-se priorities. The following AIR and Doordarshan projects were commissioned during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 in Maharashtra :-

	AIR	DOORDARSHAN
1998-99	-	8 (LPT-6, VLPT-2)
1999-2000	2 (conversion of VB studio from mono to Stereo at Nagpur and Pune)	17(Studio-3, LPT-5 VLPT-9)
2000-2001	-	8 (HPT-1, LPT - 7)

The expenditure incurred on AIR/Doordarshan projects in the State during these years is as under :-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	AIR	DOORDARSHAN
1998-99	112.69	1790
1999-2000	123.38	890
2000-2001	109.75 (estimated)	279 (estimated)